Naval Museum in Vizag

1074. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Naval Museum in Vizag;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of Facilities at Tourist Resorts

1075. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that poor facilities at tourist resorts are becoming a major hurdle for the growth of tourism industry; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to improve infrastructure facilities at all the tourist places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Growth of tourism in the country depends on several factors. Foreign tourist traffic to India has increased from 2.29 million in 1996 to 2.48 million in 1999 and foreign exchange earnings have also increased from Rs. 9920 crores in 1996 to Rs. 13042 crores in 1999.

(b) Improvement of infrastructure facilities at tourist places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to State Government/UT Administrations for tourism projects